

REVOLUTION

In School Affairs of Kentucky—Gist of New Law.

The Sullivan-Watkins Educational Bill passed both Houses of the Kentucky Legislature, and has become a law.

It provides for the government and regulation of the common schools of the State, and it will bring about a sweeping revolution in school affairs in the State.

It is claimed by prominent educational leaders to be the beginning of a great educational advancement for the State. The following are some of the salient provisions of this act: That every county of this Commonwealth shall compose one school district, outside of a city or town maintaining a separate system of public schools.

That within thirty days after this act shall go into effect each county shall be divided into four, six or eight educational divisions, and each educational division into sub-districts, the boundaries of which will follow as nearly as possible the boundaries of existing school districts.

That each sub-district shall not include fewer than fifty pupils nor more than one hundred for the payment of one teacher.

That on the first Saturday in August after the passage of this act, an election shall be held in each sub-district, for the purpose of electing one trustee therefor. All elections for school trustee shall be by ballot, which shall contain no emblem or device of any kind, and shall be printed and furnished by the county clerk and paid for out of the county levy.

All nominations for school trustee shall be by petition, signed by at least ten eligible voters, and no name shall be placed upon any ballot unless such nominating petition is filed with the county clerk ten days prior to election day.

That within thirty days after the trustees' election the county superintendent shall meet the trustees so elected of each educational division at some designated point for the purpose of organizing the trustees so elected into a division board of school trustees by choosing one of said trustees to be chairman and one secretary of the said division board. The county superintendent shall be a member of the said division board, but can only vote a deciding vote in case of a tie.

That each sub-district trustee personally supervise the schools of his sub-district, report all needs to the division board at its regular meeting and make such recommendations as he may deem necessary for the best interest of his school; all such reports, etc., to be submitted in writing.

The division board shall refer such reports to the county board with its recommendations on the same.

That the sub-district trustee shall, in the month of April of each year, make and return a complete census of the children of school age residing in his district, for which he may be paid the sum of five cents per pupil so enumerated.

That the division board in each educational division elect one or more teachers for each school in the said division, the vote of the majority of the members being necessary to elect.

All applications for positions in said schools shall be filed with the secretary of the division board of trustees, which shall meet for the consideration of applications on the last Saturday in June, following the election of trustees.

Teachers shall be elected for one school year, and contracts for their services shall be in writing, signed in duplicate by the teacher, the chairman and the secretary of the division board.

The chairmen of the several educational division boards in the county, together with the county superintendent of schools, shall constitute the County Board of Education. The said county board shall have full power, when necessary, to lay off or establish new school sub-districts, or to change the boundaries of those already established.

Within two years after the passage of this act, the county board of education shall establish one or more county high schools, provided there is not a high school with which the county board may be able to make such an arrangement as will furnish the pupils completing the rural school course free tuition in the said high school; if so, the high school may be considered as meeting the purposes of this law, without establishing any other high school.

A county high school shall be of the first, second or third class. A first-class school shall maintain a course of study for four years; a second class for three years, and a third class for two years.

When such county high school shall be established it shall be the duty of the county board to employ and

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fix the salaries of said teachers necessary to the efficient conduct of the said school. Said board shall also have the right to select the text books to be used in said high school.

It shall be the duty of the county board of education to lay before the fiscal court of the county an estimation of the educational needs thereof, and the county shall levy tax for school purposes not to exceed twenty cents on each \$100 of taxable property and the capitation tax not exceeding \$1 provided no tax for school purposes shall be levied under this act upon property in cities maintaining a first-class system of schools, and the sheriff shall collect this tax as other State and county taxes and turn the same over to the county superintendent of schools, who shall act as treasurer for the county board, and said money shall be expended, in building, improving and equipping school houses, paying teachers, purchasing necessary supplies and extending school terms in sub-district schools.

Upon petition of the legal voters of any sub-district the county board shall submit to the legal voters of said sub-district the question whether or not a tax shall be levied on the property of the sub-district for school purposes only, and an ad valorem tax not to exceed 25 cents per \$100, may be voted, a majority vote being required.

The sheriff, on his official bond, shall collect and hold the same subject to the order of the county board of education.

Governor Willson signed the bill on March 24th.

GUARDING PRESIDENT.

Secret Service Guard Equals That of Any Foreign Court.

Foreign diplomats declare that the secret service guard maintained over President Roosevelt equals that of any foreign court. Even the Kaiser is no better looked after.

The excellence of this guard was admirably shown at a recent presidential reception. In the line which filed by to shake hands with the President were 1,800 people. Scattered among them in immaculate evening dress were the secret service men whom none suspected. They looked every body over carefully for concealed weapons, bombs or knives.

Standing close to the President, so as to be practically touching him, was another detective in evening clothes, holding his hands across his chest in a peculiar manner. The man was like a statue, but his eyes were never idle. At the merest suspicion of a threatening movement he would have been ready with a cleverly concealed weapon.

In addition to the secret service guard the President is further fortified by his own ability to handle a pistol which he always carries. Should an anarchist make an attempt upon his life he would find himself a badly battered target in a twinkling.

MADE A BRIGADIER GENERAL.

Col. J. B. Kerr, a native of Bourbon county, who entered West Point in 1866, has been made a Brigadier General in army by the retirement of Major General A. W. Greeley.

Col. Kerr is a typical Kentuckian, six feet tall and a splendid specimen of manhood. As an officer of the Sixth Cavalry, Custer's old regiment, he for years performed arduous services in the west in the various Indian campaigns. He is exceedingly popular and his many friends will be glad to hear of his promotion.

Col. Kerr makes the third son of the Blue Grass section who has, within a few years past, been made a Brigadier General in the army, the other two being Gen. Henry T. Allen, a native of Sharpesburg, and Gen. J. Franklin Bell, a native of Shelby county.

PHYSICIANS PAY TRIBUTE TO THEIR BROTHER.

At a meeting held at the offices of Drs. Wallace and Patterson, held on Tuesday, to adopt resolutions upon the death of our friend and brother, Dr. George F. Thompson, who died at his home Sunday night, March 28, 1908, after a long illness. Dr. John Patterson presided and Dr. Wallace acted as secretary.

It was resolved that in the death of Dr. Thompson the city of Frankfort and the medical profession had sustained an irreparable loss and the community at large a kind and skilled physician. We desire to express to the bereaved family our sincere sorrow and extend to them our loving sympathy and remind them that God in His infinite love will heal their broken hearts and guide them to that hour of peace and rest to which our dead brother has gone. Dr. Thompson was born in Versailles, Woodford county, and spent the days of his childhood there. At the tender age of fourteen years he heard his country's call, and enlisted in the Confederate Army, in its glorious struggle; was a member of Company C, Fifth Kentucky Cavalry, commanded by Col. D. Howard Smith. He was noted in the army for his wonderful cheerfulness in the midst of suffering and danger.

Whether on the lonely picket, the hungry march or on the red front of battle, he was always the same light hearted soldier. He graduated in medicine in 1874 and began the practice of medicine in Franklin county, being located for some years near the writer of these lines. As a physician, Dr. Thompson was kind, considerate, and eminently successful, and possessed, in a pre-eminent degree, those rare personal graces that charm patients and secure for the doctor grateful and life long friends. He possessed an ever ready fund of wit that made him ever welcome in the social circle.

His last illness was long and painful, but he endured it with great fortitude and patient forbearance. But above all, he had a happy and triumphant death and to his beloved Confessor he expressed confidence in the Savior's promise, "My grace will be sufficient for you to those who confess me before men." We love to think of him now as having been healed by the Great Physician and as having entered into his rest beneath the shade of the trees in Heaven and where he will meet again the loving ones who mourn his absence.

WELL KNOWN YOUNG MAN DIES SUDDENLY.

Mr. David C. Kirkpatrick, Jr., a well known and popular young man, died suddenly at his home in the West End, Monday morning. Mr. Kirkpatrick was a first-class chef, and had been employed by several caterers in this city.

At the time of his death he was employed by Messrs. E. W. Howser & Co., on Broadway.

He had been complaining for a day of two of neuralgia, but, just before the end came, he had eaten his breakfast and said that he felt better than for some time and told his mother he would come up town. He stood up, was stricken, attempted to catch hold of the mantel, in front of which he had been seated, and would have fallen to the floor but his sister caught him in her arms. He gasped and all was over.

The funeral took place on Wednesday morning from the Church of the Ascension, and the remains were laid away in our cemetery.

GOIN—On Saturday, at the home of its parents, in Thorn Hill, the infant child of Mr. Elbert Goin and wife, aged two years and six months, of diphtheria. The funeral and burial was private and took place Sunday afternoon, at the Antioch cemetery.

SPLENDID PHYSICIAN PASSES AWAY.

On Sunday night last, Dr. George F. Thompson died in this city, aged 74, years, after a long illness.

Dr. Thompson was born and reared in Woodford county. He had lived in this city for some twenty-odd years, and, until ill-health caused his retirement, had a large and appreciative clientele.

He was a man of fine attainments in his profession, and had many warm friends.

He is survived by his wife, three daughters and four sons.

He was a brave soldier in the Southern Army, under Gen. John H. Morgan.

The funeral services were conducted from the Church of the Good Shepherd, on Tuesday morning, at 9 o'clock, by Rev. Father Thos. S. Major.

The following gentlemen were the pallbearers: W. K. Toombs, L. L. Cox, Dr. C. K. Wallace, Walter Tracy, Thomas B. Wiard and Dr. J. W. Gayle.

CAPT ED. M. DRANE GETS GOOD POSITION.

Capt. Edward M. Drane, former Postmaster of this city, has been appointed by the Capitol Commission as Secretary of the body, to succeed Mr. Henry B. Ware.

Capt. Drane is a first-class gentleman, well fitted for the position to which he has been appointed. He has filled a number of responsible positions in the past, among them being that of Master Commissioner of the Franklin Circuit Court and Postmaster, and has measured up to the highest standard in all of them. His friends are numbered by his acquaintances.

TREMENDOUS RAINS.

Big River, Creeks Out of Banks and Big Damage Done.

Commencing Saturday night and continuing, intermittently, until Wednesday evening, there have been very heavy rains, at times almost approaching cloudbursts.

Per consequence the old Kentucky river has put on her fighting clothes and has spread out over the lowlands to an alarming extent.

Little Benson, Glen's Creek, Big Benson and Elkhorn Creeks have become raging torrents, sweeping every thing before them.

The river has been black with drift of all kinds, and grave fears were felt, for some time, that the waters would reach up into the back part of town; but luckily, the storm ceased and a high wind and cooler weather helped to reduce the danger.

Landslides on pikes and railroads caused serious damage and great delay.

On the Highland Railroad a big landslide occurred, just beyond the Big Eddy, which put that road out of business for some time, and the pike itself was seriously damaged, so as to render it impassable for several days.

On the Traction Line a slide took place under Buttiner's Hill, which carried out the embankment of the railroad and left the ties and rails suspended in the air for a considerable distance, rendering it impossible to convey any material to the new Capitol building for several days.

It will take at least \$1,000 to repair and restore the track.

There were many minor slides on turnpikes and other railroads, but they were not so serious as those indicated and did not materially interfere with traffic and travel.

R. F. D. No. 3 carrier was compelled to go out the Versailles pike to Jetts, take the Millville pike there to reach his Glen's Creek portion of the route, involving considerable additional travel and labor.

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DECLINED—APPOINTED.

Some ten days ago Gov. Willson appointed Mr. R. K. McClure, Sr., as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Colored State Normal School. Finding that he could not give the necessary time to the duties of the position, Mr. McClure addressed a letter to the Governor thanking him for the tender of the position and declining to accept.

Following this the Governor appointed Mr. John C. Mastin, of this city, to the position. Mr. Mastin will make an efficient and capable officer.

CANDIDATES GALORE.

Notwithstanding it was thought that Congressman W. P. Kimball would have no opposition for re-election, it has developed that Hon. J. Campbell Cantrill has already entered the field and others are dodging about in the underbrush preparatory to shieling their castors into the Congressional primary ring.

The primary is set for Tuesday, May 12, and there will be some tall hustling from now on until that date.

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BECKHAM & McQUOWN.

Former Gov. J. C. W. Beckham is to remain in Frankfort permanently and practice law, as it was announced this week that he has formed a partnership with Judge McQuown, chairman of the Democratic State Central and Executive Committees, who has been living in Frankfort for several years, and whose partnership with Eli H. Brown, Jr., was dissolved more than a year ago.

THE MINISTER'S RETORT.

One of our exchanges gives a story of a certain minister as follows: It is said the minister spoken of goes to church on Sunday morning in a carriage. He received an anonymous letter recently calling his attention to the fact that the Lord never rode to church in a carriage. The minister read the letter from the pulpit and then remarked: "If the writer of this not will come to me next Sunday morning, properly bridled and saddled, I shall be glad to follow the Lord's example and come to church as He entered the city of Jerusalem."

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